

The Census & Your Curriculum

Teach about Census 2000 and fulfill your curriculum requirements at the same time. **Activities to try:**

Math Challenge students with a daily population problem! Here are two to start with:

1. What's the difference between the population of the most populated state and that of the least populated state?
2. Draw a grid with five columns and five rows. Arrange the abbreviations of the five most populated states in the grid, writing each five times. Make sure that no abbreviation appears twice in any row, column, or diagonal.

Language Arts Watch for Census 2000 advertising. Discuss the diverse messages.

History Create a time line depicting how seats in the U.S. House of Representatives have been apportioned since 1790. How many seats were in the original House? How many will there be in 2000? How has the power shifted during the last century? What do students predict for the next century?

The Census Bureau Web site (www.census.gov) can help you get the answers.

Geography Create a map showing population by state in any year before 1990 to compare with the We Count! wall map. Create a map showing the population, by county, in your state.

Technology Visit www.census.gov to create a profile of your town, county, state, and country.

In the Hallway Create a Census Bulletin Board. Include the We Count! wall map, artwork by children, and the poster from the Principal Kit.

In the Office Include a daily update on the U.S. population in morning announcements. You will find frequent updates on the Census Bureau's Web site, www.census.gov. Remind students to make sure they're counted on their parents' forms.

Coming to a City Near You!



The Census 2000 Road Tour is headed for a destination near you. On February 15, 2000, 12 road tour vehicles will fan out across the country to promote the importance of participating in Census 2000. Each vehicle will feature exhibits, videos, printed information, and giveaways. The vehicles will stop in both small towns and large cities.

Adult ESL and Literacy

The U.S. Census Bureau is committed to ensuring everyone is counted. To achieve that goal, the Census in Schools team has developed **Census 2000: From Understanding to Participation**, a teaching kit for instructors of adult ESL and literacy classes. The materials focus on what a census is and why participation is important to families and communities. The ESL and basic adult literacy teaching kits include six lessons with background information for the instructor, reproducible activity sheets, and a large color map of the United States. Adult ESL and literacy programs will receive this kit in February 2000.

